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DEPT FOR ARA - ASST SEC TODMAN; IO - DEP ASST SEC DALLEY

USUN FOR AMB MEZVINSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNHRC SHUM CI
SUBJ: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

REF: SANTIAGO 1167

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE MARCH 16 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO SANTIAGO BY AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY. CARVAJAL SAID A PRIOR ATTEMPT TO GET AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY TO SANTIAGO DURING THE MEETING OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA FAILED DUE TO A SERIES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS. TO AVOID A REPETITION, CARVAJAL SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THIS TIME THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS INVITING MEZVINSKY TO GET HIS VIEWS ON HOW THE IMPASSE BETWEEN CHILE AND THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP COULD BE RESOLVED. HE SAID THAT HE AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES, WHO TALKED WITH MEZVINSKY IN GENEVA, BELIEVED THAT MEZVINSKY COULD BE HELPFUL IN GIVING THEM GOOD ADVICE. THE GOC WANTED TO COME TO SOME BINDING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE AD
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HOC WORKING GROUP TO DISCHARGE ITS MANDATE TO VISIT CHILE AND MAKE A FINAL REPORT.

2. I REPLIED THAT I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THIS TIME THERE WAS A CLEARCUT INVITATION ON THE PART OF THE GOC FOR MEZVINSKY TO COME. I SAID THAT MEZVINSKY, IF HE AGREED TO COME, COULD, OF COURSE, NOT SPEAK FOR THE

WORKING GROUP OR THE UN, BUT THAT I SHARED
CARVAJAL'S VIEW THAT MEZVINSKY'S VISIT COULD BE HELPFUL
TO THE GOC. I SUGGESTED THAT INASMUCH AS AMBASSADOR CAUAS
HAD DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE MEZVINSKY VISIT EARLIER WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, HE REITERATED HIS INVITATION
THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME I WOULD PASS
THE GOC REQUEST DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE A VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL IF
MEZVINSKY BELIEVES THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING
GROUP, WITHOUT ALLANA, WOULD STILL BE WILLING TO COME.
HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN TO THE GOC THE FACTS OF
LIFE AS SEEN FROM GENEVA AND NEW YORK, WHICH IS QUITE
DIFFERENT FROM THE GOC'S BASIC POSITION CONTAINED IN
THEIR NOTE WHICH WAS FORWARDED IN REFTEL. IF MEZVINSKY
DESIRES TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION, I WOULD HOPE
HE WOULD STAY WITH ME.
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